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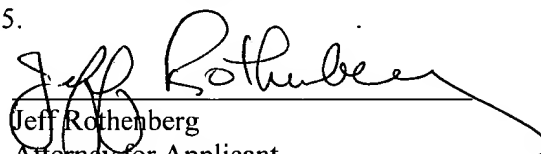
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Applicant: Sugimoto et al. Confirmation No.: 9977
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 26, 2005, the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of Applicant's last Amendment is being resubmitted herewith and now includes a designation that claim 33 was "previously presented".

This inadvertent omission is regretted. Entry of this Response and favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.